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Oil Fields at Shabla and Silistra

1. The Bulgarian oil fields at Shabla and Silistra are not exploited because Soviet specialists have noted that the production of these fields would not be worth the expense of extracting the oil. Uranium deposits recently discovered in the area of Murgash (N 42-46, E 23-36) and near the village of Seslavtsi (N 42-47, E 23-32), Sofia Okoliya, are not exploited completely because they are poor in mineral and contain very little uranium. The closing of the two mines is believed to be imminent.

Shelters in the Sofia Area

2. The construction of the air raid shelter near the village of Kremikovtsi (N 42-47, E 23-29), Sofia Okoliya, has been completed. This shelter is to be used for the protection of the leaders of the Party and the Bulgarian Government. The shelter can hold 500 persons with offices, living quarters, etc. It is equipped with a telephone system and 20 military personnel are responsible for its protection.
3. The antiaircraft shelters constructed near the village of Pancharevo (N 42-36, E 23-24), Sofia Okoliya, 200 meters from the thermal baths, to the right of the road, have been enlarged. They will hold 15,000 persons among the citizens of Sofia and military personnel of the nearby barracks.
4. The construction of shelters in the village of Bistritsa (N 42-35, E 23-22), situated to the left of the railway line, has been completed. These shelters can hold 15,000 to 17,000 persons. It was believed that 100,000 persons can find protection within fifteen minutes after the alarm in the shelters situated in the villages of Bistritsa, Bagano (sic), Slatina (N 42-41, E 23-23), Reidut (sic), and Pidusna (sic) in the Sofia area.

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Medical Plant Near Iliyantsi

5. Near the village of Iliyantsi (N 42-45, E 23-20) where a synthetic rubber plant, "Georgi Dimitrov," is already located, a "very important" plant for the manufacture of medical products and equipment for use by the Army is under construction. The plant was projected by Soviet specialists who also supervise the construction. The director of the works is Dr. Goisha (sic) Vladimirov.

Barracks in the Sofia Area

6. An armed brigade which includes the command and three regiments has been established in barracks recently constructed near the villages of Inhidol (possibly Sukhodol: N 42-42, E 23-14) and Filipovtsi (N 42-43, E 23-13), Sofia Okoliya. Other barracks, also recently built in the village of Dürvenitsa (N 42-39, E 23-21), have been occupied by the motorized exploration company and an engineer unit of the First Army Corps. (sic).
7. At Chetvertiyat Kilometer (Four Kilometer, suburb of Sofia), on the other hand, artillery regiments belonging to the First Army Corps (sic) and the First Division, were established in new buildings.

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